

I am writing to advise you that AHS funding for *Triage Liaison Physician* (TLP) services at all Edmonton Zone Emergency Department sites will be terminated effective June 30th, 2013. This notice applies to AHS and Covenant Health and includes day and evening TLP shifts.


Pursuant to contract requirements, this letter constitutes formal written notice of termination as per the requirement for AHS to provide written notice to the relevant Contractors and Physicians on or before September 30th of a given calendar year during the Term.

Upon the June 30th, 2013 expiration of this agreement, service expectations will default to those in place prior to this agreement, including physician responsibility for invoicing for medical services as appropriate without Triage Liaison Physician day and evening shift stipends. The TLP service model and funding was introduced to address the backlog of in-patients in the emergency departments and issues of care. With the reduction of people designated as EIP throughout the region and the continual efforts to improve patient flow we no longer feel that this is the right service model to use. We recognize through the ongoing work that was started with Dr. Jody Crane - X32 Consulting that there may be other opportunities to explore. We remain supportive of innovative care models in the Emergency Department and look forward to collaborating with you on alternate opportunities before the end of the contract.

In keeping with this notice of termination, all invoices for TLP services must be submitted to Medical Affairs Edmonton Zone prior to September 30, 2013. Invoices received after September 30, 2013 will not be processed.

Thank you for your participation in this project.

Yours truly,


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cc: All current TLP contract holders
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